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SUBJ: ARAB AND SOVIET CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT SADAT IN WAKE  
OF EGYPT-ISRAEL AGREEMENT

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1. I CALLED ON THE NEW EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ADEL SAMI  
GUENENA PER REFTEL. HE HAS RECENTLY COME TO KUALA LUMPUR  
FROM CAIRO WHERE HE SERVED AS CHEF DE CABINET OF THE  
VICE PRESIDENT. HE IS YOUNG, INTELLIGENT AND WELL  
INFORMED ON THE EGYPT-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. AFTER I HAD  
EXPLAINED MY MISSION, AMBASSADOR GUENENA SAID THAT EGYPT'S  
RELATIONS WITH MALAYSIA WERE PARTICULARLY CLOSE AND CORDIAL.  
THE GOM, HE SAID, SUPPORTED EGYPT'S MODERATE POSITION AND  
WAS STRONG IN ITS PRAISE OF THE AGREEMENT AND PRESIDENT  
SADAT'S LEADERSHIP. THESE VIEWS HAD BEEN EXPRESSED NOT  
ONLY TO HIM, BUT IN THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADORS FROM ARAB  
STATES WHOSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT  
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SADAT AND THE AGREEMENT.

2. GUENENA WENT ON TO SAY THAT EGYPT HAS BORNE THE BRUNT OF SUFFERING FROM THE WAR, MUST TAKE A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP, AND IS WILLING TO ACCEPT INEVITABLE CRITICISM ARISING FROM THIS ROLE. HE DIDN'T SEEM CONCERNED ABOUT CURRENT LEVEL OF ARAB AND SOVIET CRITICISM.

3. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BRIEFED MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS ON THE AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH THE GOM POSITION. A PUBLIC MALAYSIAN ENDORSEMENT OF SADAT AND THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT IN HIS JUDGMENT HAVE A HELPFUL INFLUENCE ON ARAB OPINION. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR OUR WILLINGNESS TO APPROACH THE MALAYSIAN GOVT, BUT SAID THAT A U.S. DEMARCHE MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AND URGED ME TO LEAVE THE PROBLEM IN HIS HANDS.

4. I CONCUR IN HIS JUDGMENT AND UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, WILL NOT GO TO GOM ON THIS MATTER.  
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